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SUBJECT: SOMALI AND ETHIOPIAN DELEGATIONS VISIT GUINEA-  
BUSSAU AND CAPE VERDE

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 2005; B) STATE 082633

1. SOMALI GOODWILL DELEGATION HEADED BY PARTY CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE MEMBER ABDIRIZAK M. ABOUBAKAR AND INCLUDING ALI  
ABDI GURHAM WHO IDENTIFIED AS CHIEF OF ARAB SECTION OF  
INTERNATIONAL DEPT., VISITED BISSAU FROM APRIL 4-8. OBJECT  
OF VISIT AS REPORTED BY LOCAL PRESS WAS ATTEMPT ORGANIZE  
COUNTEROFFENSIVE AGAINST IMPERIALIST MANEUVERING AGAINST  
CERTAIN PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES.

2. ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY DERG MEMBER COL. ABEBE  
BELAYED AND INCLUDING ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL ABATE  
AGUIDE AND MOFA OFFICIAL ADMASSU CHERINET VISITED BISSAU  
APRIL 12-19. DELEGATION DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM DERG PRESI-  
DENT WHICH ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS EXPLAINED PROGRESS OF  
ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND CURRENT SITUATION AND ETHIOPIAN  
OBJECTIVES VIZ RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS. IN INTERVIEW,  
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COL. BELAYEH DREW PARALLEL BETWEEN ETHIOPIA'S AND GUINEA-  
BISSAU'S STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND APPEALED FOR  
GUINEAN SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION WHICH MOVING ALONG  
WELL INSPITE ATTACKS LAUNCHED FROM ARAB COUNTRIES AND  
REACTIONARY NEIGHBORS.

3. DELEGATIONS TREATED EQUALLY BY NON-COMMITTAL GOGB.

BOTH WERE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT CABRAL AND BOTH VISITS WERE FEATURED ON FRONT PAGE OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER. BOTH DELEGATIONS HAD MEETINGS WITH GUINEAN MILITARY AND WERE SHOWN AROUND BISSAU'S FEW INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES. BOTH WENT ON TO CAPE VERDE AT TERMINATION OF BISSAU VISIT.

4. FONMIN SAUDE MARIA CHARACTERIZED VISITS AS ATTEMPT EACH PARTY EXPLAIN ITS POSITION ON DJIBOUTI IN FEAR OTHER WOULD DISTORT IT. GUINEA-BISSAU TOLD VISITORS IT SUPPORTED DJIBOUTI'S INDEPENDENCE AND OPPOSED INTERFERENCE IN PROCESS OF ATTAINING INDEPENDENCE BY EITHER COUNTRY. FONMIN EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE AT ETHIOPIAN CHARGES AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA AND SUDAN AND SAID GUINEA-BUSSAU PAID AS LITTLE ATTENTION TO THEM AS HAD AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT.  
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